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## OFFICERS BIENNALLY ELECTED.

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Representative to the General Court,

JOHN H. POLLARD.

Supervisors of Check Lists,

JOSEPH HARRIS,

NATHANIEL A. WENTWORTH,

GARDNER S. TOWLE.

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## OFFICERS ELECTED ANNUALLY.

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Town Clerk,

MOSES KIMBALL.

Selectmen,

JAMES M. DAVIS,

ISAAC HALL,

ALLISON B. CRANE.

Treasurer,

MOSES KIMBALL.

Collector of Taxes,

JOHN M. KIMBALL.

Superintending School Committee,

ANNIE L. DOW.

Constable,

DANIEL S. PEASLEE.

# TOWN WARRANT.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

{ L. S. }

*To the inhabitants of the Town of Plaistow qualified to vote in town affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on the second Tuesday of March next, at one of the clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. - To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
- 2.—To choose three Selectmen, Town Treasurer and Clerk.
- 3.—To choose a Collector of Taxes, School Committee, and all other necessary town officers and agents for the year ensuing.
- 4.—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of schools; for paying the town debts and defraying the interest thereon, and for other necessary charges arising in said town; for laying out and repairing highways and sidewalks, and building and repairing bridges; for the maintenance of the poor.
- 5.—To hear the reports of the Town Treasurer and Board of Selectmen to the Town Auditors; the reports of the Auditors, Agents, Committees or other officers heretofore chosen or appointed, and to pass any vote relating thereto.
- 6.—To see if the town will vote to buy a new hearse, and raise money therefor, and choose all necessary committees to carry the same into effect.
- 7.—To see if the town will vote to require the proprietors of the Boston and Maine Railroad to secure the crossing of the highway called the "Willow Tree Crossing," at Plaistow, by said railroad, by a flag or by gates on one or both sides of said railroad.
- 8.—To see if the town will vote to adopt an act to amend Chapter fifty-five of the General Laws, in relation to delivery of the blank inventories before the twentieth day of March.
- 9.—To transact all other business which may come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 21st day of February, 1885.

JAMES M. DAVIS,	} Selectmen of Plaistow.
ISAAC HALL,	
ALLISON B. CRANE,	



# TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

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## RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury, March 1, 1884,	\$90 04
From County, on account of paupers,	105 76
Railroad tax,	163 64
Savings bank tax,	119 53
Literary fund,	80 64
Use of Town Hall,	6 50
Interest on taxes of 1883,	15 59
"    "    1884,	4 63
E. A. Townsend's tax, bought by town, 1882,	7 36
"    "    "    1883,	3 47
John B. Bryant's    "    "    1881,	29 00
John M. Russell's    "    "    1882,	6 12
Antoine Pinet's    "    "    1881,	4 17
Francis E. Tucker's    "    "    1883,	7 50
Chas. I. Baker's heirs'    "    "    1883,	13 07
State, on account of bounty on hawk and crows,	11 40
Resident highway taxes, not worked out,	14 01
Frank W. Shannon, collector, 1880,	3 10
John M. Kimball,    "    1882,	3 00
"    "    1883,	699 83
"    "    1884,	3,137 24
George Dow's heirs', tax bought by town, 1881,	9 44
Joseph Bryant's heirs    "    "    1883,	34 79
	<hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> \$4,569 83

## DISBURSEMENTS.

By paying town bonds,	\$1,000 00
Interest on bonds overdue,	10 34
Coupons,	480 00
Selectmen's orders,	2,946 02
Cash in treasury,	133 47
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	\$4,569 83

## FRANK W. SHANNON, Collector, 1880.

DR.	To uncollected taxes, March 1, 1884,	\$22 69
CR.	By paying town treasurer,	\$3 10
	Abatements,	19 59
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		22 69

## GEORGE SUMNER, Collector, 1881.

DR.	To uncollected taxes, March 1, 1884,	\$7 13
	Dog tax,	4 00
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		\$11 13
CR.	Abatement, dog tax,	\$2 00
	Due on dog tax,	2 00
	Balance due the town,	7 13
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		11 13

## JOHN M. KIMBALL, Collector, 1882.

DR.	To uncollected taxes, March 1, 1884,	\$65 51
	Balance due on dog tax,	1 00
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		\$66 51
CR.	By paying town treasurer,	\$3 00
	Abatements,	8 78
	Balance due the town,	53 73
	“ on dog tax,	1 00
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		66 51



## JOHN M. KIMBALL, Collector, 1883.

DR.	To uncollected taxes, March 1, 1884,	\$772 89
	"        dog tax,	12 00
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		\$784 89
CR.	By taxes bought by the town,	\$51 04
	Abatements,	3 31
	"        dog tax,	1 00
	Balance due on dog tax,	2 00
	"        the town,	27 71
	Paying town treasurer,	699 83
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		784 89

## JOHN M. KIMBALL, Collector, 1884.

DR.	To taxes committed for collection:	
	State tax,	\$568 00
	County tax,	395 01
	Town tax,	1,800 00
	School tax,	497 00
	Special school tax, Dist. No. 3,	50 00
	Percentage,	67 93
	Non-resident highway tax,	120 01
	Dog tax,	54 00
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		\$3,551 95
CR.	By abatements,	\$5 21
	Non-resident highway tax receipts,	19 63
	Balance of dog tax,	14 00
	Paying town treasurer,	3,137 24
	Balance due the town,	375 87
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		3,551 95

## DOG TAX.

Amount due March 1, 1884,	\$17 00
"    of tax for the year 1884,	54 00
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	\$71 00
Amount paid school districts,	\$46 00
"    abated,	6 00
"    due,	19 00
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	71 00



## ABATEMENTS.

## COLLECTOR SHANNON'S LIST, 1880.

Fremont Butler, moved from town,	\$1 55
Peter Castle, dog died,	1 00
Hazen Clement, moved from town,	2 65
Andrew Elliott, " "	1 55
Clephos Pelont, " "	1 55
Levi A. Lamson, " "	1 65
David M. Murphy, " "	1 55
Jacob Phillips, " "	1 61
Frauk O. Peaslee, " "	1 61
William Perkins, " "	1 61
Charles D. Rowe, dead,	1 61
Frank D. Peaslee, paid tax in Haverhill,	1 65
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	\$19 59

## COLLECTOR SUMNER'S LIST, 1881.

Leon Walker, claimed to own no dog,	\$2 00
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## COLLECTOR KIMBALL'S LIST, 1882.

A. P. Gotham, moved from town,	\$2 10
Dolphis Morrill, " "	2 10
Horace L. George, " "	2 41
Albert Wall, " "	2 17
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	\$8 78

## COLLECTOR KIMBALL'S LIST, 1883.

Samuel B. Austin, moved from town,	\$1 87
Joseph B. Favor, " "	1 44
Alfred Kelly, dog died,	1 00
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	\$4 31

## COLLECTOR KIMBALL'S LIST, 1884.

G. C. George, dog died,	\$1 00
John W. Kelly, " "	2 00
W. K. Seaver, error in taxation,	1 00
Benj. Carter, moved from town,	1 21
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	\$5 21

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SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid Prudential Committee, Dist. No. 1,	\$144 00	
"                    "          "      2,	119 00	
"                    "          "      3,	275 00	
"                    "          "      4,	112 00	
Amonnt due the districts,	23 64	
	<hr/>	\$673 64
Appropriations, literary fund and dog tax,		673 64

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SCHOOL-HOUSE MONEY.

Paid John M. Kimball, committee on repairs, money due district No. 2, March 1st, 1884,	\$4 21
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Paid Merrimack National Bank, note and interest on four months,	\$508 54
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TAXES.

Paid County tax,	\$395 01
State tax,	568 00
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	\$963 01

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PAUPERS.

Paid Moses Stevens,	\$41 67
Addie Buzzell,	15 00
Wm. Cyr,	28 75
Ennery Tremblage,	16 00
Transient,	4 25
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	\$105 67



## MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Hanscom Brothers, for spikes, nails, etc.,	\$5 12
E. C. Eastman, for town order book,	1 50
N. K. Kelly, returning one death,	25
Thompson & Batchelder, for surveyor's and collector's books, town warrants, etc.	3 03
A. B. Crane, bounty on 17 woodchucks,	1 70
J. M. Davis, " 47 "	4 70
" " 8 hawks,	1 60
" postage and stationary,	86
" Howard & Hill, for highway tax bills,	1 50
" fare and expense to settle with county commissioners,	1 50
" aid to strangers,	3 69
" expense of removing paupers to county farm,	6 00
" fare and expense to Concord to pay State tax, 1883,	3 90
J. Mandeville, printing reports,	13 00
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	\$48 35

## SNOW-PATHS.

1884.

A. J. Lovejoy's district,	\$6 95
Geo. F. Battles' "	17 30
P. D. Britton's "	4 00
N. A. Wentworth's "	2 00
A. J. Bartlett's "	1 50
John M. Kimball's "	5 70
Cyrus Holt's "	2 50
B. G. Blaisdell's "	7 05
Isaac Hall's "	6 00
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	\$53 00

1885.

N. A. Wentworth's district,	\$3 50
G. H. Whitman's        "	7 48
J. M. Quimby's         "	8 92
P. D. Britton's         "	4 55
George Sumner's        "	2 83
A. J. Bartlett's        "	2 25
John Bradley's         "	2 10
Wilbur H. Flanders'    "	2 25
Edward Castle's        "	7 37
Isaac Hall's            "	5 00
Daniel S. Peaslee's     "	4 65
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	\$50 90

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid David Bryant, stone for Bryant bridge,	\$5 00
George Denoncour, plank for Bryant bridge,	9 25
Wm. Judson, work on Seaver bridge,	2 50
E. Labelle,                "                "	3 00
A. C. Clement,            "                "	2 00
"                plank and timber, Seaver bridge,	11 45
E. E. Peaslee,            "                "                for bridges,	11 43
D. D. Chase & Son, lumber for bridges and railing	
for highways,	28 36
A. B. Crane, work on highway,	1 50
Wm. Judson and others, work on Kingston and	
Newton roads,	16 75
Louis Lapoint, work on highway,	3 75
Geo. F. Battles,           "                "	6 53
Charles Boyd,            "                "	3 00
Charles Folsom,          "                "	3 00
E. Castle,                "                "	10 00
E. Labelle,               "                "	1 50
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$119 02



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<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$119 02
Paid John Bradley, work on highway,	10 00
P. D. Britton, " " and money paid for work,	12 00
J. M. Davis, for money paid Wm. Dyer, drawing railing and plank,	90
R. Bridges, cutting stringers and work on bridge front of Andrew Nelson's,	1 10
Wm. Judson and others, work on highway front of A. Janelle's,	2 37
Isaac Davis, work, railing Kelly bridge,	33
Wm. Judson, work on bridge near house of J. M. Davis,	3 00
Drawing posts and railing and work railing Kelly bridge,	2 00
Work, self, man and horse, drawing plank, getting stringers, hewing stringers, and work on Seaver bridge,	5 25
" railing Seaver bridge,	2 25
" on Peaslee bridge, etc.,	1 00
" " Hadley Hill,	3 00
" railing highway near N. H. Clark's and Atkinson depot, and putting on boards to posts and iron bands on same,	3 00
" on bridge near house of E. J. Cummings,	3 00
Repairing Eaton and Bradley bridges,	1 00
Work on watercourse on Bryant road,	75
Repairing Noyes bridge and laying down plank,	75
Work on bridge in front of Andrew Nelson's,	1 50
T. Barrett, old ties for bridge,	1 20
M. Kimball, for spikes and nails,	14
E. Labelle, 1 day's work on highway,	1 50
Work on Pollard bridge,	50
A. Richards, 1 day's work on highway,	1 50
Stringers for Bryant bridge,	4 50
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$181 56

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<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	<i>\$181 56</i>
Paid Isaac Hall, 1 day, self and horse, on causeway between D. Bryant's and Atkinson depot,	2 00
Felix Fountain, 1-2 day, do.,	87
F. N. Gauvin, do. do.,	75
Nathl. Hall, 3-4 day, do.,	1 00
Edward Nickett, 3 1-2 days on Bryant bridge,	7 00
Felix Fountain, 2 1-2 " " "	4 37
F. N. Gauvin, 5 " " "	7 50
Nathl. Hall, 4 " " "	5 00
Isaac Hall, 7 1-2 " " " and use of horse to draw stone and gravel,	18 00
Taylor, Goodwin & Co., 300 feet spruce boards, 1 day's work, Peaslee bridge,	5 10
1-2 " Pollard "	1 50
Putting down plank on bridge near J. N. George's place,	75
Repairing bridge near Daniel Eaton's,	1 50
Work on Seaver bridge, self and horse,	3 25
' railing Seaver bridge,	2 25
12 posts for railing Seaver bridge,	1 80
Work, railing Clark's Hill and drawing railing and boards for same,	4 50
I. H. Pollard, 411 feet timber for cap pieces for Seaver bridge,	6 17
B. G. Flanders, 300 feet plank for Seaver bridge,	4 87
George Denoncour, 39 posts,	5 85
Work on highway,	3 94
N. A. Wentworth, work on Bryant road, Clark's Hill and road above Atkinson depot,	6 00
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	\$276 78



## TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Moses Kimball, town clerk,	\$25 00
"          " treasurer,	20 00
Annie L. Dow, superintending school committee,	20 00
James M. Davis, services as selectman,	75 00
Isaac Hall,          "          "	35 00
Allison B. Crane,  "          "	20 00
Joseph Harris, supervisor, 1883 and 1884,	9 00
John H. Pollard,  "          "          "	5 00
John M. Kimball, collecting \$751 87, taxes of 1882 and 1883,	13 14
John M. Kimball, collecting taxes 1884,	63 42
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	\$285 56

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

## LIABILITIES.

Due on town bonds,	\$7,000 00
Coupons,	210 00
School money, District No. 1,	7 15
"          "          " 2,	5 12
"          "          " 3,	9 22
"          "          " 4,	2 15
School-house tax, "          " 3,	1 98
Dog tax,	19 00
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	\$7,254 62

## ASSETS.

Due from taxes, costs and interest on property bought by the town,	\$10 93
George Sumner, collector, 1881,	9 13
John M. Kimball,          "      1882,	54 73
"                  "      1883,	29 71
"                  "      1884,	389 87
Cash in treasury,	133 47
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	\$627 84
Debt March 1st, deducting assets,	\$6,626 78

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ACCOUNT OF PROPERTY SOLD FOR TAXES AND BOUGHT  
BY TOWN.

James M. Quimby,	6 03
Antoine Pinet,	4 90

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\$10 93

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. DAVIS,	} Selectmen of Plaistow.
ISAAC HALL,	
ALLISON B. CRANE,	



# THE ANNUAL REPORT

## OF THE

### Superintending School Committee.

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#### DISTRICT NO. 1.

EDSON E. PEASLEE, Prudential Committee.

MISS ADELINE J. MESSER, Teacher for the Year.

Much faithful and industrious labor on the part of the teacher was evident in this school, and application and ability by a large number of the pupils. Arithmetic had received a good share of attention, and spelling was made prominent, one class in the latter branch distinguishing themselves by proving, so far as the time would admit, that they were able to spell all the words in their book. There were 19 weeks of school, equally divided between the spring and fall terms. Whole number of scholars, 44. All attended to reading and spelling, 12 to writing, 16 to arithmetic, 10 to geography, 2 to grammar, 2 to history. The greatest fault in this school is irregular attendance. On the roll of honor, 2d term, Lizzie Kelleher.

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#### DISTRICT NO 2.

W. HARRIS FLANDERS, Prudential Committee.

MISS ANNIE L. Dow, Teacher for the Year.

The spring term was a particularly pleasant one, due in a large measure to the attendance of a class of young ladies who distinguished themselves by a studious and lady-like deportment. Much to our regret, a part of this class were called to leave in the early part of the fall term. There was quite an addition to the school in numbers

during the last term, of a younger class of pupils. We think that good improvement was made, and the co-operation of parents and friends was gratifying to the teacher, and encouraging to the scholars. There were 17 weeks of school; 9 in the 1st term, and 8 in the 2d. Whole number of pupils, 27. All attended to reading and spelling, 15 to writing, 16 to arithmetic, 8 to geography, 4 to grammar, 1 to history, 4 to physiology, 1 to philosophy.

Roll of Honor, 1st term, Mabel A. Flanders, George L. Gates, Viola F. Simonds, Alfred E. Simonds. 2d term, George L. Gates, Charlie Gates, Bertie H. Severance, Daniel Severance.

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### DISTRICT NO. 3.

MOSES KIMBALL, Prudential Committee.

MISS STELLA M. GEORGE, Teacher for the Year.

Continued harmony, prosperity and success have attended this school. The pupils for the past year have been, most of them, of quite a juvenile age. It is rare to see so large a number of children manifest so much interest in their lessons. Very little of that listlessness is apparent, which is often seen in a school of this kind. A number of the daily exercises are written, which is a sure way of acquiring useful and practical knowledge. The exercises on the last half day of the school year, were not only entertaining but instructive. We were much pleased with the appearance of the first class, which was small in numbers, but excelled in correct recitations and decorous deportment. It is said that when people feel in their purses it is an indisputable evidence of real interest. Fifty dollars extra were raised by the district at its annual meeting, and forty more by subscription. There were 30 weeks of school, equally divided between the three terms. Whole number of scholars, 58. All attended to reading and spelling, 48 to writing, 47 to arithmetic, 28 to geography, 12 to grammar, 10 to history, 13 to physiology, 2 to algebra, 3 to English history.

Roll of Honor, 1st term, Horace R. Hubbard, John Judson, Carl F. Sleeper, Clarence P. Kimball, Ashley H. George, Archibald W.

Williams, Burton C. Williams, Olinda P. Williams, Alice M. Williams, Ethel A. Pollard, Mary K. Keith, Jennie A. Badger, Vira H. Badger, Anna B. George. 2d term, Ethel A. Pollard, Ella E. Pollard, Anna B. George, Ashley H. George, John Judson, Henry I. Pollard, George W. York, Elmer E. York, Harlan J. Badger, Vesta Sleeper. 3d term, Frank E. Davis, Ashley H. George, Clarence P. Kimball, Carl F. Sleeper, Henry J. Sleeper, Ned S. Sleeper, Archibald W. Williams, Burton C. Williams, George W. York, Vira H. Badger.

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#### DISTRICT NO. 4.

G. S. TOWLE, Prudential Committee.

MISS ABBIE E. CATE, Teacher for the Year.

This school appeared well, and a spirit of harmony seemed to prevail among the parents and teacher and pupils. A good number of visitors were present at the close of the spring term. The fall term was prolonged three weeks by subscription. Miss Cate came to us from a distance, but as a teacher of experience, and we believe the result of her school was satisfactory to all those most interested. Number of school weeks 20, equally divided between the two terms. Whole number of scholars, 21. All attended to reading, spelling and writing, 16 to arithmetic, 5 to geography, 5 to grammar, 1 to history.

Roll of Honor, 1st term, Lola Buzzell, Mamie Towle, John Bartlett, Bertie Britton. 2d term, Gracie Peaslee, Fred Furber, Bertie Britton.

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It is evident that our schools have been generally prosperous, and a good degree of interest has been manifested. Our school rooms are not all of them perfect. We think that an hour's visit to the one in No. 3, in the winter season, will convince any one that the ventilation is inadequate. If some method could be contrived to admit more fresh air into the attic, and less into the basement, it would conduce greatly to the comfort of teacher and pupils.

A word should be said here in reference to the "Roll of Honor,"



which includes the names of all those who have not been absent or tardy for the term. Many scholars who were ambitious to see their names on this record, have been unavoidably detained at home by their own illness or that of their friends. District No. 3, therefore, in view of their "roll," may congratulate themselves, not only upon the interest in the school, but also on the health which has permitted so large a number to attain that distinction.

Whole number of enrolled pupils, 150; boys, 92; girls, 58. None reported as unable to read and write; 7 between the ages of 5 and 15 as not attending any school.

Respectfully submitted,

• ANNIE L. DOW,  
Supt. School Committee.





